

## REMARKS

Claims 28-48 are pending in the application. Claim 28 is amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled claim 29. Claims 29-34 and claims 36-48 are cancelled without prejudice. Claim 35 is amended to remove redundant features already found in the base claim. New claims 49-54 are added. No new matter is added.

Claim 28 now includes the allowable features of cancelled claim 29. Dependent claims 35, 49, and 50 each depend from claim 28. Applicant submits that claim 28 is allowable as recognized in part 11 of the office action. Applicant further submits that dependent claims 35, 49 and 50 are allowable for at least the same reasons.

New independent method claim 51 recites the structural features of allowable claim 28. Applicant submits that method claim 51 and claims 52-54 depending from claim 51 are likewise allowable.


Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications to claim the entire scope of the invention supported by the disclosure. Therefore, these amendments should be construed as no more limiting than to bring economy to the present case.

## **CONCLUSION**

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. A request for an extension of time and the associated fee are submitted herewith. No additional fee is believed due for this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-0010 (IO-1009US)**.

Respectfully submitted,

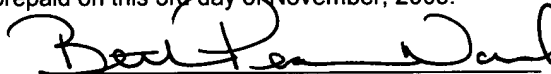
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